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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 12th, 2016

DATE: June 22, 2016
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Amber Howell, Director, Department of Social Services
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THROUGH: Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to authorize the Director of Social Services to accept [\$58,000.00] for the Federal Title IVB Subpart 2 grant (\$19,700 match required) from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services to support adoption promotion and support services retroactively from July 1st, 2016 – June 30th, 2017; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Department of Social Services has been awarded [\$58,000.00] for the Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services for adoption promotion and supportive services. This grant award is being submitted for approval retroactively as it was received in June 2016.

Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On February 10, 2015, the Board authorized acceptance of Amendment #2 for year three funding of the Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 for \$27,273 (\$6,818 match required) from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services to support overtime and travel costs to allow staff to comply with policy regarding caseworker visits.

On December 17, 2013, the Board authorized to accept year two funding of the Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 for \$27,273 (\$6,818 match required) from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services to support overtime costs to allow staff to comply with policy regarding caseworker visits.

On September 24, 2013, the Board authorized to accept year one funding of the Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 for \$12,000 designated to increase primary caseworker visits from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

AGENDA ITEM # S.F.2

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Social Services to accept [\$58,000.00] for the Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant (\$19,700.00 match required) from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services to support adoption promotion and support retroactively from July 1st, 2016 – June 30th, 2017 ; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board approve Staff's recommendation, the possible motion would be to "move to authorize the Director of Social Services to accept [\$58,000.00] for the Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant (\$19,700.00 match required) from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services to support adoption promotion and support services retroactively from July 1st, 2016 – June 30th, 2017; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments."

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Mr. Keith Glidewell
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Dear Mr. Glidewell:

On March 18, 2016, the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for funding through the Title IV-B, Subpart II (IVB-2) grant award. We were pleased to receive several new applicants joining the group of currently funded agencies dedicated to supporting safe and stable families throughout the State of Nevada. With the potential to award approximately \$2,000,000 to sub grantees we received applications totaling \$5,225,210.

Your agency submitted a request for **\$58,000** to fund Adoption Promotion and Support (APS) services in the Washoe County Region. After an extensive evaluation process, we are offering your agency \$58,000 to fund APS services beginning July 1, 2016. Award funding will be evaluated annually over the course of a three year period based on availability of funding and compliance with grant requests and scopes of work. The SFY begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th of each year, unused funds will not be automatically be carried forward (re-awarded) to the next year.

While it made the evaluators' job difficult, we were excited to see 34 applications with a variety of projects and proposals for this funding. The Evaluation Committee was composed of representatives from multiple agencies who carefully reviewed each proposal for compliance with the evaluation criteria as outlined in the RFP packet. This included adherence to the technical guidelines required by the proposal, how well the proposed services were aligned with the regional service priority needs for the category of service, the proposed scope of work and budget, as well as the ability to track and evaluate outcomes. Following a month of individual review and analysis, the Evaluation Committee met to discuss the proposals and provide scores and recommended funding.

If you accept the award, please contact your assigned Grants & Projects Analyst, James Thorne at JThorne@dcfs.nv.gov to request an electronic Budget Justification Form and Scope of Work to complete and submit. Please ensure that your revised budget is consistent with the award amount indicated above. Once reviewed, outcome measurements will be defined and a Notice of Sub Grant Award (NOSA) will be sent to your agency for signature.

On behalf of the Division of Child and Family Services, Grants Management Unit, I want to express my gratitude to you for your dedication and service to the citizens of Nevada. Without the services you provide, many families would not have the safe and stable environment necessary in order to be successful.

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